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SUBJECT: STEVEN REMPELL MEDIA COVERAGE AND CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRIES

REF: TOKYO 13064, STATE 184462, STATE 193635, STATE 209032

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING REMPELL, MOST PASSING ON CONSTITUENT CONCERNS AROUSED BY MEDIA COVERAGE, BUT ALSO A LETTER FROM REMPELL'S FATHER TO SECY VANCE (TEXT SENT SEPTTEL).

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2. MEDIA REPORTING ON THIS CASE NOT ONLY INCLUDES REMPELL'S ALLEGATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE BY JAPANESE OFFICIALS AS WELL AS EMBASSY "ABANDONMENT" OF HIM, BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE PERCEPTION THAT THE GOJ IS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT OPENING ITS IMPORT MARKET TO FOREIGN COMPETITION. REPORTS ALSO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT GOJ POLICY CHANGES TO FACILITATE IMPORTS ARE OFFSET BY ACTIONS IN OTHER AREAS.

FOR EXAMPLE, GOJ APPROVAL IN 1972 OF THE "PARALLEL IMPORT SYSTEM" TO FACILITATE IMPORTS AND SALES AT LOWER COST TO JAPANESE CONSUMERS WAS PURPORTEDLY OFFSET BY THE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST REMPELL, WHO USED THE NEW SYSTEM TO UNDERSSELL JAPANESE COMPETITORS WITH LARGE MARKET SHARES. FURTHER, MEDIA SUGGESTS FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN ARE SUBJECTED TO ARBITRARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WHICH PUNISH THEM BY DESTROYING THEIR BUSINESS BEFORE COURTS HAVE DETERMINED INNOCENCE OR GUILT.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ITS COMMENTS ASAP TOGETHER WITH OBSERVATIONS COVERING CONSULAR MATTERS AND TRADE ISSUES IN REMPELL CASE WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONALS AND REMPELL'S FATHER'S LETTER CONCERNING REMPELL'S EXPERIENCE AND TREATMENT RECEIVED FROM JAPANESE AUTHORITIES. VANCE

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